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## Senators learn about campus and legislation updates

By KELSEY KENDALL  
THE COLLEGIAN

Kansas State University student senators met Oct. 9 to hand out kudos and hear updates around campus. The Student Governing Association saw several statute changes up for a first look, but small amounts of legislature in the voting stage.

Drew Unruh, sophomore in open option and chairman of the privilege fee committee, presented changes to the Fine Arts Privilege Fee Agreement. Funding for Fine Arts, such as McCain Auditorium, music and English departments and theater and dance, remained consistent at \$322,700 for the next year. The committee chose to make a change to the Fine Arts Funding Regulations to ensure that the committee will be consulted when more than \$1,000 is spent in the form of payroll.

"We were running into a couple issues with the fine arts department using their funds as ad pays which wasn't clearly defined," Unruh said.

Both bills were sent back to committee and will be in final action and voted on during the Oct. 16 SGA meeting.

The executive committee brought forth a change to statutes to include OrgSync in form requests. There was also a change to the same section to change funding for student trips to include registration fees, but no longer include food. This bill was also sent back to committee.

Commendations were awarded to Joann Kouba, David Grieger, John Unruh; professors in the department of animal sciences and industry and Nathan Nelson, professor in the department of agronomy, for receiving North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture Teaching Fellow awards. K-State now has a total of 32 recipients of NACTA fellow award.

Commendations were also awarded to Cathie Lavis, associate professor and extension specialist of landscape management in the department of horticulture, for receiving the Alex L. Shigo Award for Excellence in Arboricultural Education at the 90th International Society of Arboriculture International Conference and Trade Show.

Ben Hopper was also commended for his 10 years of service as Union Program Council assistant program adviser, prior to moving to his current job as director of Greek Affairs. Commendations were given to the K-State Crops Judging Team for receiving first place at the Australian Universities Crops Competition.

Commendations were also given to Ray Buyle, assistant professor in architectural engineering and construction science, for his work as K-State Habitat for Humanity student chapter adviser. Buyle received a Significant Service Award from the Manhattan area Habitat for Humanity.

Funds were given to the Agricultural Education club to fund eight club members traveling to the National FFA Organization convention. The Architectural Engineering Institute will send 12 members to the Green Build International Conference and Expo in New Orleans, Louisiana, Oct. 21-24.

Ryan Swanson, associate vice president for campus planning and facility management, presented to senators about the projects and developments taking place throughout campus, including the new business administration building, engineering development, Seaton Hall, the Purple Masque Theatre and Wefald Hall.

"The areas that we're choosing to focus on are the areas students have chosen to focus on for buildings so we're being responsive there," Swanson said.

Swanson said Wefald Hall will add approximately 540 beds. The addition will allow Housing and Dining Services to house over 4,200 students total.

The Student Affairs Committee announced that it would be hosting "SGA Hears You Week" some time next semester to help engage the student body with its leaders. The week will also serve as a way to help educate students about the opportunities SGA offers and the work it does.

Applications are being accepted for elections commissioner until Friday on OrgSync.

## Tony winner debuts at K-State



HANNAH HUNSINGER | THE COLLEGIAN

(from left) **Sam Johnson**, senior in life sciences, **Cat Huck**, senior in theater, and **Daijah Porchia**, sophomore in theater, rehearse "Vanya, Sonia, Masha and Spike" in Nichols theater on Tuesday night.

By DARRINGTON CLARK  
THE COLLEGIAN

Anybody with a brother or sister knows sibling rivalry is real, and can be funny, but never quite growing out of sibling squabbles can be hilarious. Nichols Hall has turned into a side porch battleground for three siblings to unpack unfinished business to the delight of an audience.

K-State Theater's first, main stage production "Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike," by Christopher Durang is now playing in the Mark A. Chapman Theatre in Nichols. Directed by Assistant Professor of Theater Jerry Jay Cranford, the cast made up of theater majors, non-theater majors and graduate students takes on the 2013 Tony Award winner for Best Play.

"It was an interesting piece for me to work on, to look at and propose,"

Cranford said. "I proposed it knowing that it had just been released as a hot property and also won every major award in New York for best play."

The list of awards the show raked include the 2013 Drama Desk, Drama League and Outer Critics Circle.

Praised for its comedic take on a perhaps gloomy situation, "Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike" centers on three siblings. Each named after one of renowned Russian playwright Anton Chekhov's characters, the siblings quip and quarrel when movie-star Masha returns to her family home to find a bitter Sonia and an aggravated Vanya ready to reprimand her. Add to the mix Masha's young flirtatious new beau Spike. The show promises to offer laughs to those familiar with Chekhov or not.

"(Durang) made a comment that this was not meant to parody or emulate any of Chekhov's works but be a comic homage to the themes," Cranford said. "That is evident, there are structural

nods to "Three Sisters" and the selling of the house. Thematically the pieces are there but it's sort of turned upside down and approached with a comical tone."

Students in the production found the comedy aspect demanding but rewarding. Cat Huck and Mark Young, juniors in theater and Masha and Vanya respectively in the play, both said the audience will enjoy their funny moments.

"You're gonna laugh," Huck said. "You're gonna purely laugh. The comedy is so hard. It takes so much energy. Comedy is more difficult but more fun."

Young said he has a much easier time with comedic pieces, and is excited to experience full audience reactions.

"It's easily the funniest comedy I've been in," Young said. "It's put me

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## K-State partner for Vietnam War 50th anniversary

By COURTNEY BURKE  
THE COLLEGIAN

Kansas State University was one institution out of approximately 34 universities and 6,545 total organizations nationwide chosen by the United States Department of Defense to help serve as a national commemorative partner for the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, according to retired Col. Mark Franklin, chief of history and education of the Vietnam War commemoration.

The selection was announced at the football game between K-State and Texas Tech on Oct. 4, which was also Fort Riley Day at Bill Snyder Family Stadium. Army Maj. Gen. Paul E. Funk II, Fort Riley commanding general, represented the department by participating in an on-field presentation at halftime along with the Fort Riley 1st Infantry Division band.

"Kansas State University is honored to serve in this capacity to commemorate the anniversary of the Vietnam War," said Kirk Schulz, K-State president, in a recent K-State press release. "We will use our 150-year military tradition, as well as a decade of recent experience, serving our nation's military to promote awareness, inform the current generation and honor those whose lives were affected most by this conflict."

According to retired Army Lt. Col. Arthur DeGroat, university executive director of military and veterans affairs, there was an invitation process conducted by the office of the secretary of defense that selected institutions to participate. Along with K-State and Fort Riley, there are many universities and ROTC programs that were selected to participate as well.

"I believe Kansas State University was selected due to our long-standing national reputation



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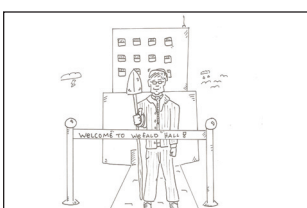
Fort Riley soldiers present the colors before the Texas Tech football game on Saturday.

as a military-inclusive institution," DeGroat said. "As well as by the reputations of our many distinguished military alumni, past and present."

DeGroat will serve as the

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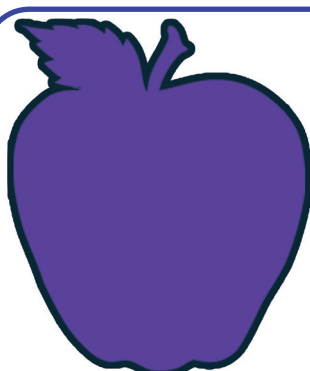
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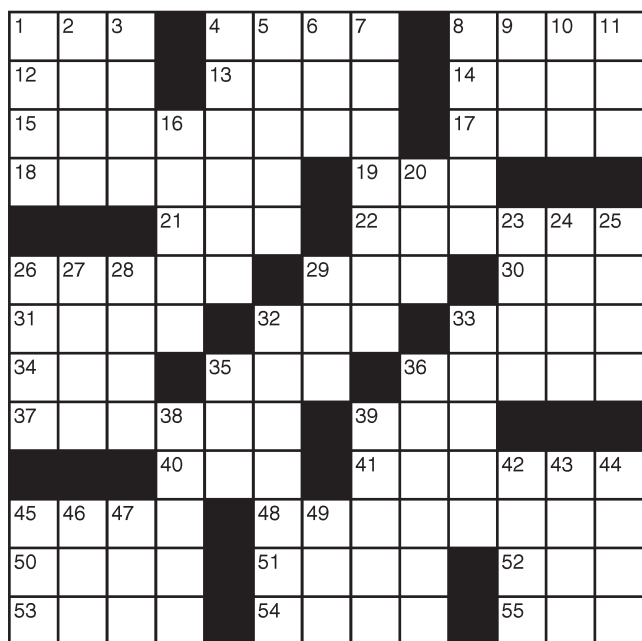
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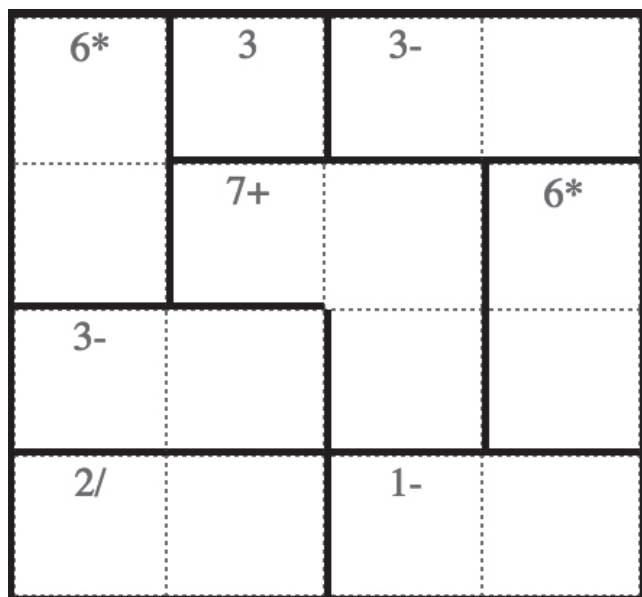
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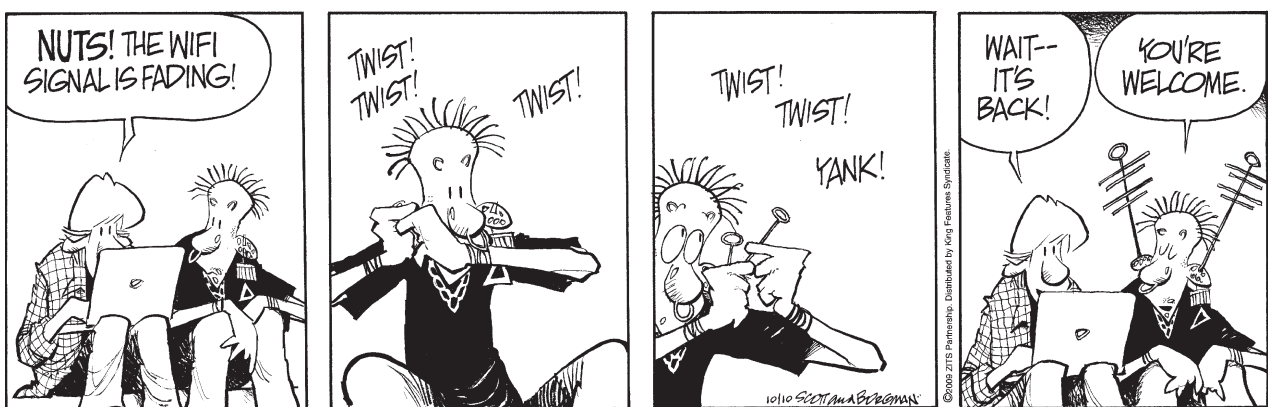
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Despite challenges, Wefald deserving of hall naming honor

By ERIN HILDRETH  
THE COLLEGIAN

There has been some scrutiny about whether K-State should be naming a residence hall after Jon Wefald, the university’s 12th president.

Wefald served as the President at K-State for 23 years, from July 1986 to June 2009. During his time as president, Wefald drastically changed the way K-State operated. Philanthropy increased from \$6 million a year to \$100 million; research funding climbed from \$18 million annually to \$134 million dollars; student enrollment also rose from 16,000 to more than 23,000.

“There was not one thing that wasn’t positively affected by Jon Wefald’s vision, passion and leadership during his presidency,” Pat Bosco, vice president of student life and dean of students, said in a June K-State news release. “It is incredibly significant that this living-learning environment be dedicated to his legacy.”

It is indisputable that K-State needs more living spaces for students, as enrollment and acceptance rates continue to rise. Many students have been consigned to overflow housing because there is no room for them in the current residence halls. Opening another residence hall will allow K-State to keep prospering and keeping students happy.

The hall being named in Wefald’s honor will be the first residence hall built since Haymaker Hall in 1967. It will open in August 2016 and host approximately 540 students. It will be the first residence hall to boast what the June press release called a “transformational” living center, meaning it will have rooms for both living and learning.

However, the argument is not about whether the residence hall should be built; it’s about whether the residence hall should be named after Wefald. Wefald was a great president who gave K-State his all. However, upon his retirement, the university did an mandatory audit which found 13 undocumented payments through the K-State

Athletics Department, totaling an amount of \$845,000.

There was also a secret agreement set forth by former athletic director Bob Krause to pay K-State’s former football coach, Ron Prince, \$3.2 million as a “buyout” when he was fired.

Other findings showed misused discretionary funds and misplaced files for some of the discretionary funds usage. Auditors also discovered money being paid to people in the athletic Department, in addition to their normal salary, through private corporations and limited liability companies set up for the specific individuals rather than the university payment system.

Wefald denied any involvement or knowledge in the discrepancies and attributed them all to Krause. He asked Krause to resign, which he promptly did. Then, Prince filed a lawsuit seeking the money that he was promised in the “buyout,” which cost K-State a total of \$1.65 million and a lot of time in court.

The audit and the lawsuit were big scandals that tainted Wefald’s retirement. The findings in the audit were significant and definitely enlightening, but they could not all be traced back to Wefald specifically. As long-time friend to Wefald, Krause had a lot of leeway. Though he was only the athletic director for less than a year, he seemed to be the mastermind behind all of the secret deals within the department. However, I believe the other findings in the audit (like the misused discretionary funds) was just a slight oversight.

In his 23 years as president, Wefald changed K-State for the better. Our university would not be where it is today without his persistence and leadership. He was just a man who put too much faith in his subordinates, which is not a punishable crime. A misjudge in character is a flaw many of us have and we should not let that negate all of Wefald’s major contributions.

Even the audit, prepared by Grant Thornton LLP, stated that “(the) university has benefitted greatly from the leadership of President Wefald and the efforts of Mr. Krause. Both men exhibit an obvious passion for KSU.”

In light of the audit, K-State also made some positive



ILLUSTRATION BY TAYLOR SHANKLIN

changes to the way it operates. The university now acts in total transparency, allowing everyone know about issues in full so there are no surprises. This lets donors to the school know exactly where their money is going and where it will be spent. An established system of checks and balances ensures no one person can have all the power to make major financial decisions.

“We are encouraged by the current administration’s approach to financial and decisional transparency,” Brian Spooner,

professor of biology and interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said to the Board of Regents in 2009. “This is most apparent in athletics, where the new corporate structure encourages strong oversight by university administrators and the new athletics director has adopted a new code of transparency and fiscal accountability.”

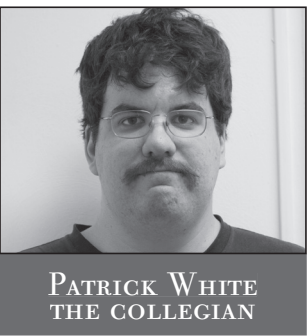
Sometimes, some good comes out of the bad. Without the audit becoming such a big deal, K-State would have never implemented the new systems

that help make the university one of the top in the country. This is why Wefald deserves a hall named after him; he has earned that right.

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E-cigarettes better than traditional smoking; more standardization, research needed



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THE COLLEGIAN

E-cigarettes are the new wave in smoking. Known as “vaping,” you don’t really smoke the e-cig, but rather inhale vapors from the cartridge. It is thought to be the safe alternative to smoking or a method of helping smokers quit, ideas that advertisers use to reach 24 million people below the level smoking age.

This worries doctors who want e-cigs banned, or at least regulated.

A study reported on by U.S. News said researchers determined that vaping is relatively healthier than



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traditional smoking. However, since the study focused on just cigarettes as opposed to electric cigarettes, not much else is known. We don’t have information on secondhand vapors, if e-cigs are bad for health by themselves, if they’re harmless or what is in most e-cigs. The same study showed how the brands

that supply the vaping liquid called e-juice (which is heated, then exhaled as vapors), contains particulates and heavy metals like tin, nickel, lead and chromium.

E-cigs are so new, there is very little information or regulations about them. While the lack of studies are troubling, the ones we do have paint a bad or confusing picture about e-cigs – a telling sign. Since their are no regulations on the product, manufacturers are free to put in whatever they want, and there are no uniform ingredients list for them.

The American Lung Association stated there are almost 500 brands of e-cigs, each with varied ingredients. More troubling is the varied amounts of nicotine. Not having a standard for nicotine can lead to overdose problems by switching one brand that has low amounts to one that actually has high amounts of the drug.

Right now, labeling and safety limits are at the discretion of the manufacturer. This means that if it costs more to print ingredient information, it is going to go unprinted. The lack of oversight means that anything goes.

One dubious claim is that e-cigs help smokers quit by replacing cigarettes. A study, done by the University of California at San Francisco, concluded that e-cig users were less likely to quit smoking and a high number reported dual-usage of the products, both the electronic and the regular cigarettes.

This sounds like the diet soda argument. Everyone hears that diet soda is healthier compared to regular soda, so everyone drinks more diet products when it really isn’t that much healthier – it just leads to different health problems.

The UCSF study also showed the e-cig emissions are not just harmless water

vapor and contribute as a source of indoor air pollution. Their findings ended with the recommendation that vaping should be controlled in the same way as smoking.

So just saying it’s better doesn’t mean it’s true – it is really just splitting hairs.

Prices and models of vapes vary, but even the higher-end models may not be safer. According to a May New York Times article, it found that the higher-end e-cig models were more dangerous. The article points out combustion is one of the major causes of illness in smokers, because the burning creates carcinogens. The selling point of e-cigs is that the temperature it uses to heat up e-juice is so low that no combustion occurs: the liquid doesn’t burn on the heating element.

However, some more expensive e-cig models (in particular, the ones called tanks) can burn just hot enough to produce levels of

formaldehyde in similar levels to conventional cigarettes. Another popular form of e-cig use, called dripping, involves putting the vaping juice right on the heating element. Dripping allows the juice to burn anyway, possibly releasing those carcinogens.

There are lots of alternatives that are healthier than smoking. Though e-cigs are a popular one, it is also the one raising the most questions. We, the consumers, need more studies and more regulation before e-cigarettes can be declared totally safe so that we know what is actually in that tank of e-juice.

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compiled by Rennee Dick

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ALEX WAKIM  
FRESHMAN,  
MUSIC COMPOSITION

“I would park anywhere possible.”



TAYLOR PORTER  
FRESHMAN,  
PSYCHOLOGY

“I would push someone off their bike.”



SAM ROLDAN  
FRESHMAN,  
KINESIOLOGY

“I would burn down the New Yorker’s room in Moore Five.”



SAM WILCOX  
SOPHOMORE,  
ARCHITECTURAL ENG

“I would rob a bank if I could get away with it.”



ERIC SCHLAIKJER  
SOPHOMORE,  
MECHANICAL ENG

“I would try to steal a 1986 Corvette.”



# Down, set, whistle: Women's lacrosse with high hopes

By RYAN PORTER  
THE COLLEGIAN

Coming off a 2-6 record during the 2013-14 season, the K-State women's lacrosse team is excited for a fresh start.

"We exceeded our own expectations," co-president and attack Bailey Blair said. "We have a lot of girls this year that played in high

school and we do intend to do better. We have higher expectations than before."

The K-State women's club lacrosse teams usually compete in about nine games per season, unless more games are added from non-league teams.

Excitement for this season circles around the addition of 10 more players. The team hopes it'll improve chemistry as they move into a new season.

Despite what many

think about the game, there is a distinct difference depending on what gender is playing.

"It is definitely a lot different from men's lacrosse," senior midfielder Molly Meagher said. "We are considered a non-contact sport, so checking is only limited to girls who have the ball. You cannot slash; you have to be very controlled on your stick movement. Any stick in the girl's sphere, which is your pretend helmet, it is a call

and a foul."

For those unfamiliar with the sport, the field consists of 12 players, with four offensive players or attack, four defensive players, three midfielders and a goalie. The objective is to move the small rubber ball around and try to score in the 6-by-6 goal. The girls catch the ball with their sticks and are not allowed to touch the ball with their hands.

Meagher explained how this is a unique sport and

how getting possession early is important.

This comes in the form of a face-off, which takes place after every goal or depending on the circumstance, before every quarter. It is the easiest way to earn an early advantage by gaining possession of the ball.

"It's a draw and we actually stand parallel with each other, with our sticks facing (each other)," Meagher, who's the team's faceoff specialist, said. "The ball is

placed in between the two sticks and when the referee blows his whistle the two girls will flip their sticks at the same time and launch the ball in the air.

Being a factor in how a game starts is exciting for Meagher.

"My favorite part about my position is I get to play everything," Meagher said. "It is a bit tiring because I'm running all over the field constantly, but it is so rewarding."

## State, local talking points

By KELSEY KENDALL  
THE COLLEGIAN

### Beef Cattle Institute takes part in \$25 million research effort

According to K-State Research and Extension News, in 2012, K-State's Beef Cattle Institute was part of a \$25 million grant focused on prevention, reduction and control of E. coli in beef and veal that included 15 other institutions. Recently, part of these funds were used to create new beef cattle online training modules as part of the education and outreach objective of the grant.

The online training will be taught both in Spanish and English in order to provide a bilingual employee base for the industry, Dan Thomson, director of the Cattle Beef Institute, said. The modules will work with students on topics surrounding E. coli prevention in beef safety ranging from pre-harvest to post-harvest operations.

### Four K-State students nominated for Rhodes, Marshall Scholarships

Four K-State students have been nominated for the Rhodes and Marshall national scholarship competitions. Robert Breeden, senior in biology and pre-medicine; Ross Allen, senior in economics and philosophy; Carly Dickter, senior in public relations; and Fernando Roman-Garcia, senior in mathematics, have the chance to compete for a one or two year study at Oxford University in England with full funding.

"(To be able to) study at a top university in the U.K. is just amazing," Dickter said.

Each of the students nominated are active in various organizations around K-State such as leadership studies, sports teams and more. According to Dickter, the national students nominated to compete for the award are all outstanding students that would benefit culturally and academically to study

in the U.K.

In November, the nominees will be interviewed for the competition.

### "The easiest way is to be yourself," Dickter said. Children's art program earns Beach Museum award

Katherine Schlageck, senior educator at the Marianna Kistler Beach Museum, created the Beach Museum's Young Curators and Young Artists summer programs in 2011 to teach children of all ages about art and get them involved with the museum. On Oct. 1, the Beach Museum was awarded the 2014 Excellence in Programming Award from the Mountain-Plains Museum Association Education Committee.

"The award helps us to know we're doing an important program," Schlageck said.

The summer program works with kids from six-year-olds to high school students to get kids involved with art and curating exhibits.

"(The program) continues to grow and improve," Schlageck said.

### Woman battered in robbery

The Riley County Police Department was notified of a robbery and battery on Wednesday at around 7:50 p.m. The victim, a 21-year-old female, remains unidentified at this point in the investigation. The woman received minor injuries during the crime.

There were three suspects. One is a black male approximately 5 feet 11 inches tall with cornrows. Another is a black male described as lanky with short or shaved hair. The final suspect is a male of medium complexion approximately 5 feet 11 inches tall with short hair.

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# Men's lacrosse: 25 years of tradition



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**Bryan Hunter** (left), junior in business administration, and **Caleb Moser**, freshman in finance leadership, practice with the men's lacrosse team in Memorial Stadium on Tuesday.



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Men's lacrosse head coach, **Tyler Tunnell**, junior in athletic training, talks to the team during the practice in Memorial Stadium on Tuesday night.

BY GRANT FLANDERS  
THE COLLEGIAN

Every year, the K-State men's lacrosse club hosts its alumni for a scrimmage with its current squad. This year carries a much deeper value, however, as it is the club's 25th anniversary.

To commemorate, the current team is facing off against the alumni on Saturday, in a tournament from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Memorial Stadium.

K-State started their club lacrosse team under the eye of a legendary West Point player and graduate, Donaldson Tillar, III. The 1st Lieutenant at Fort Riley began to realize just how little lacrosse was played in Kansas, but was up for the challenge in coaching the inexperienced players.

He got the team to be very competitive as he showed them the tricks of the trade.

Fourteen months later, he was deployed to combat in the Persian Gulf War and was a Black Hawk. As the war was coming to an end, Tillar was killed in action on Feb. 27, 1991.

He will forever have his name etched deep within the K-State lacrosse family.



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"Donnie's legacy and ultimate sacrifice for our country is wound into the culture of the KSU lacrosse team," K-State alumnus Wesley Briggs, who joined the team in 1993, said.

Tillar's influence stretched beyond the field for K-State lacrosse players. Curt Thurman, a 1995 K-State graduate and original member of the 1989 lacrosse team, holds Tillar's life close

to heart.

"He had a huge impact on me as well as most of my other teammates," Thurman said. "Not only was he the best lacrosse player we had ever seen, but he was even a better person. I can honestly say there are not too many days that go by that I don't think of Donnie."

Current team president Dominic Liberatore said it's a story that hits home for the

2014-15 players.

"The story of Donnie brings our whole team together as one," Liberatore said. "We are all brothers that play in honor of a great man."

Briggs highly anticipates the weekend ahead as he is coming all the way from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada.

"I am very excited to get back to K-State," he said. "(It'll be good to) connect

with old friends through lacrosse."

The weekend kicks off with practice and dinner on Friday night where the current players will be able to meet the alumni and hear their stories. It'll be followed by the big tournament the next day and finished off with a banquet on Saturday evening. All activities are new for the special occasion.

As the game continues to

grow at K-State, it also shows promise in the state of Kansas. About half of the 28-man roster hail from the Sunflower State.

The main contrast between the alumni and the 2014-15 team is experience. When the club first started, about 25 of the 30 players had never picked up a lacrosse stick before.

"I never had the opportunity because I grew up in Overland Park, Kansas," Thurman said. "Lacrosse was not played in the Midwest at the time."

In contrast, Liberatore said only eight players off of this year's team had no experience prior to coming to K-State.

Despite going 4-19 through the last three years, there are high hopes for the team to do well this year. Liberatore said the constant need for running put a damper on a smaller roster. However, the larger roster should help in rotations and substitutions.

As former team members arrive in Manhattan, the current team is excited to show its ability in front of more alumni than ever before. Although the games will be competitive, the memories of Tillar as a friend, leader, hero and coach will resonate throughout the weekend's festivities.

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# K-State women's golf to light up the greens in Colorado

By JAMES SCHMIDT  
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After an impressive second-place finish in the Johnie Imes invitational, K-State women's golf heads to Littleton, Colorado for the Ron Moore Women's Intercollegiate.

Head coach Kristi Knight said her program has visited the course before, and although it'll be new for her current team, she doesn't think this will be much of a problem.

"I think that it plays into our strength right now because the ladies are ready to go play again," Knight said. "So whatever course they go to they'll be okay."

K-State will be fielding a team of seniors Olivia Eliasson and Carly Ragains, sophomores Madison Talley and Katherine Gravel-Coursol and freshman Connie Jaffrey as the scoring lineup. Junior Scotland Preston will be participating as the individual.

"I haven't looked at the course," Ragains said. "But I think that if we stick to our game plan, we can handle any course."

Having achieved a top individual starter at each tournament thus far, Ragains said they're focusing on staying on routine and playing to their strengths.

"We're off to a pretty good start," Ragains said. "We need to stay on the same wavelength and stay relaxed but we're having a lot of fun and playing well."

Despite their outstanding start, there are a few things the team can still improve on.



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The fourteenth hole of Colbert Hills golf course in northwestern Manhattan, where the women's golf team practices.

"Several of them are working on holding more putts," Knight said. "Even though they've had success this year, they could probably all trust themselves more and stay in the moment a little bit better and not be so hard on themselves."

The Wildcats have good reason to be happy with their performance early on this season. Jaffrey being named Big 12 Women's golfer of the month

certainly demonstrates the strengths of the team since she is one of several golfers who have stood in the spotlight.

"I'm proud of my team, they've played really well," Knight said. "They've done everything coach (Stewart) Burke and I have asked them to do in practice and that's all you can ask."

In total, there will be 11 teams

participating in the tournament and K-State will be joined by in-state rival Kansas as the two Big 12 schools. Other major conference participants include Nebraska, Long Beach State and Georgetown.

The tournament will take place over three days, beginning today with the first round and continuing with one round on each day of the weekend.

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## THEATRE | Season to offer students access to acclaimed works

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back into enjoying acting. The fun has been renewed.”

Along with comedy, the show presents situations and decisions that people may find relatable. Cranford said his goal was to shape the piece so that the performers could find silliness within seriousness.

“To me, the basic concept of this piece is the reunification of this broken family,” Cranford said. “The end of it becomes very silly and funny, it’s a treat and they do it very well. I am proud of them.”

Huck said she agreed with Cranford, expressing her wish for the show’s themes to the audience.

“I hope it’s got an underlying sense of family and how important that is,” Huck said. You can’t ever really get away from your

**“To me, the basic concept of this piece is the reunification of this broken family.”**

JERRY JAY CRANFORD  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF THEATER

family, and this one has to learn how to love each other again.”

“Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike” focuses greatly on the ages of the characters. College performers in this play will have to play characters that are 30 or more years older than they



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**Sandy Chastan**, graduate student in theater performance, and **LaVonna Canfield**, graduate student in drama therapy, rehearse “Vanya, Sonia, Masha and Spike” on Tuesday.

are, but the final product will be a challenge and exposure to great material, according to Cranford.

The K-State Theatre season is constructed to offer students the opportunity to sample ideas and grow, as well as to expose the student body and community to works of acclaimed and powerful theater.

“Over the course of four years we try to hit several genres,” said Jennifer Vellenga, assistant professor of theater and director of the theater program. “So in someone’s four year education they can get a sampling of many different genres of plays.”

Development has been the actors’ favorite part of the process. Describing his character, Sam Johnson, senior in pre-dentistry, said, “If there was a message, it would be not to be like Spike.”

Johnson and Young offered

words of encouragement to potential audience members.

“It’s a funny show with quirky characters and I’m excited about it,” Johnson said. “We’ve been working really hard and want to show it to people.”

Thursday night’s performance played to a sold-out crowd, and Vellenga said she is thrilled to see students and community members supporting the main stage production.

“Our big mission for the year is to fill our seats,” Vellenga said. “For the first of our season, we’re just really excited to see how it goes. It’s really exciting to see students engaging with us. It seems like it’s taking off.”

K-State puts on seven, main stage productions during the course of a school year: three plays, one musical, an opera and two dance concerts. In addition,



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(clockwise from top left) **Mark Young**, senior theater, **LaVonna Canfield**, graduate student in drama therapy, **Sam Johnson**, senior in life sciences, **Daijah Porchia**, sophomore in theater, and **Cat Huck**, senior in theater, rehearse “Vanya, Sonia, Masha and Spike” in Nichols theater on Tuesday.

second stage productions in the Purple Masque Theatre are also put on, ranging from six to eight throughout the year. “Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike” will play in Nichols tonight and Saturday, as well as next weekend.

“The cast is not only good, they are great and it was exciting to watch them make it all their own,” Cranford said.

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(Left to right) **Cat Huck**, senior in theater and **Sam Johnson**, senior in life sciences, rehearse “Vanya, Sonia, Masha, and Spike” Tuesday.



## VIETNAM | Commemoration to highlight, thank veterans, families

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lead administrator of the program, but Kirk Schulz, university president, and DeGroat have appointed retired Army Lt. Col. Mike McDermott, of Manhattan to serve as the chairman of the university’s task force to plan, coordinate and host the events. His job will be to make sure that the five congressionally mandated objectives and standards of the program will all be met.

“It’s a great privilege for

me to be given this opportunity to participate in K-State’s commemorative partnership with the Department of Defense and the Vietnam veteran’s community,” McDermott said. “I look forward to putting together a program that recognizes the full range of the Vietnam War’s legacy.”

McDermott said that these goals include organizing events that highlight the service during the period, thanking and honoring the veterans, and recognizing the contributions of their families

and others on the home front.

There is also an extensive application process that can be filled out online for both civilian organizations and military installations that express interest in becoming involved in the program. Civilian applications are then evaluated for eligibility, while military “participation in eligible events is subject to the availability of requested assets and funds. Such involvement must not result in any additional expenses or costs for the U.S. Government

which have not been previously budgeted and funded,” as stated on the commemoration program’s website.

The programs to honor the sacrifices made by those who served during the war will be created by Fort Riley and K-State. There are 1,010 total events that will span from 2015 through 2017, reminding the country of the war, which was fought by American combat troops between 1965 and 1973.

Steve Elstrom, Fort Riley

public affairs specialist, said the program is designed to allow federal, state and local communities to get involved and thank and pay tribute to the veterans that served in the war, as well as highlight the advances in technology, science and medicine. The state of Kansas will hold 10 of these events in the coming years, and has a total of 31 partners participating.

“This selection is both an honor and responsibility to serve a role in commemorating the

many impacts of this period of our Nation’s history,” DeGroat said.

The commemorative partner list includes not only K-State, the university’s ROTC program, and Fort Riley’s 1st Infantry Division as representatives of the state of Kansas, but also the Kansas National Guard, the Kansas Commission on Veteran’s Affairs, the Kansas State council of Vietnam Veterans of America and the Kansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution.



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